

CURRENT TOPICS.

No electric cars in London.
No Mexican church in Mexico.
Papers machines are announced.
Boston is to have a horse-drawn
engine.

CHICAGO has 200 women stenographers.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., announces a
colored ball show.

NEW YORK Central Railroad has
expelled the barbers.
An eight-hour bill recently passed
the Montana legislature.

CHICAGO male workers denounced a
boss for giving employment to women.
The production of the Portland mill
of Cripple Creek for 1900 was \$1,118,
125.

MILWAUKEE council committee re-
fused to drop the litigation for four
cent fines.

REV. A. A. BROWN, of Memphis, pro-
hibition candidate for vice president
in 1888 is dead.

A TEXAS FORTIFIED first girl declares
that she buys the dresses of the
house to help her job.

The Tennessee house passed the
Johnson bill against bribery and in-
timidation at elections.

PROSECUTOR'S superior court has
decided that owners of drug-stores need
not be qualified druggists.

THIRTY-SIX million barrels of fer-
mented liquors were produced in the
United States during 1896.

GEX. ROY STONE, of the agricultural
bureau, has been made permanent
president of the National Live Stock
congress.

The king of Serbia wants a wife, and
all of the great matchmakers of Eu-
rope are trying to guess the coun-
drum, who will have him?

WOMEN vote on various terms for
municipal elections in Australia,
New Zealand, Cape Colony, Canada
and in some parts of India.

WILLIAM E. COLE, of Portsmouth,
N. H., who recently celebrated his hun-
dred birthday, says that he has
cheered tobacco for 83 years.

The most dangerous waters in the
world for the passage of ships lie off
the east coast of England, Cape of Good
Hope, and Cape Finisterre, in Spain.

THERE is talk among the printers of
the typographical unions of Minneap-
olis and St. Paul, of the adoption of
a piece scale on the daily papers of the
two cities.

PENNSYLVANIA (New Jersey) farmers
are contracting with the canners to
can tomatoes, and are to receive the
coming season. Last year the price
was 30 per cent.

In Bulgaria the proprietors of a medi-
cine, by which they claim to cure a
scorbutic disease, are liable to im-
prisonment if the medicine fails to
produce the desired effect.

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been killed and several injured in the
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scheme of lawlessness. By their ad-
vice can be detected in flour, bread-
stuffs in every nook and corner and
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An Auburn (Kansas) farmer occa-
sionally finds money buried in bottles
and in other outlandish places on his
farm. It was hidden there by the former
owner, who was an eccentric old back-
saver.

TRUNKS of nearly the same shape
and dimensions as those employed to-
day have been found in great numbers
in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver,
glass, agate, marble and other precious
stones.

It is said that more than 90 per cent
of railway passengers in England
travel third-class, and contribute
about 25 per cent of the receipts. Only
kings, Americans and fools travel
first-class.

The governor of Nevada who has
approved the bill permitting prize
fighting in his state, excuses himself
on the ground that "glove contests"
are not as brutal and dangerous as
football games.

The smallest town in the world is
the miniature place known as Steward
City, Alaska. Its three inhabitants are
respectively mayor, alderman and
the board of aldermen and president of
the common council.

It is announced from Brussels that
on and after May 1 next the Belgian
railway, postal and telegraph adminis-
trations will adopt the 24-day system
of reckoning time. The system will
probably be extended to other govern-
ment departments.

THERE are two policemen in Cam-
bridge, Mass., who are busy making
records in the number of ar-
rests they make. So annoying has this
become that the citizens in that one
section of the town have made com-
plaints to the authorities.

TOPEKA is the largest disbursement
agency for pension money in the
United States, the amount to be paid
out through the agency for the year
just ended being \$3,753,000. Philadelphia
is the next largest, with a pay roll of
\$1,072,000.

INITIATION almonds are now being
sent in Chicago, which are said to be
real works of art, so perfectly do they
resemble in appearance the nut in
question. They are made out of peach
stones, cut to the proper size, ground
smooth and then delicately engraved.

WITHIN three or four years the
youngest group of senators ever known
has entered that body. Senator Bat-
ler, of North Carolina, is 33 years old;
Senator Cannon, of Utah, is 35; Sena-
tor Pritchard, of North Carolina, is 36;
and Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania,
is 38.

LEXINGTON receives some curious
ship loads at times. Cargoes of tur-
ties, of other live and dead animals,
casks of leeches, shiploads of bones
from the Egyptian tombs and of dead cats
from the cat cemeteries of the same
country are among the most remem-
erable.

THE New York Bureau of Statistics
shows that the average number of
capita of three employees in its in-
dustry was \$66.18 in 1892. The average
declined to \$43.07 in 1894, and to
\$43.23 in 1895. A great many more
people were employed in 1892 than in
1895.

The 11th of President Roberts, of
the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., re-
moves from railroad management one
of the ablest men connected with it.
His career furnishes an example of
what a young man who has capacity
for affairs may accomplish by perse-
verance.

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